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ANOTHER

MESSAGE

FROM

The Kings *Majesty* at *Hampton*-Court: Sent to the Honourable House of Peeres, together with his new propositions, and Desires therein.

Inclosed in a Letter from Hampton-Court, September, 15.

Right Honourable,

YOu have ever pursued me with your favours, that I am made capable of no other pleasure in the world but to entertain them: insomuch, that should I offer up my being to you, tis impossible for me, but in part to dis-ingage my selfe; so that of necessity I must want both words and services to expresse how unfeinedly I honour you: Nevertheless, I shall embolden my self, to make my earnest desire

visible unto you, by imparting that, which all Loyal Subjects desires to be partakers of; and therefore, for generall satisfaction to your selfe, and the whole Kingdome, I thought it expedient to communicate his Majesties last Message and Resolution unto you, that so the whole Kingdome may take notice of His gracious inclination towards a firme and well setled Peace, together with His Majestres Propositalls and Desires therein, to His two Houses of Parliament assembled at *Westminster*, and how far He declares himselfe for the Army; All which I shall make manifest in his Majesties inclosed Message, signed *Charles Rex*.

In the intrim, I humbly crave your favourable acacceptation, to vouchsafe the serious perusall of these ensuing *Propositals*, to which, his Majesty doth so well approve of, *viz*.

1. An Act to be passed to take away all cœrcive power, authority, and jurisdiction of Bishops, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers whatsoever, extending to any civill penalties upon any.

2. That there be a repeale of all Acts or Clauses in any Act enjoyning the use of the Booke of Common-Prayer, and imposing any penalties for neglect thereof, as also of all Acts or Clauses in any Act, imposing any penalties for not coming to Church, or for meetings else-where, for prayer, or other religious duties.

3. That the taking of the Covenant be not inforced upon any, or any penalties imposed upon the Refusers, whereby men might be constrained to take it against their judgments or consciences, but all Orders or Ordinances, tending to that purpose to be repealed.

That

4. That (the things here before proposed, being provided, for setling and securing the Rights, Liberties, Peace, and safety of the Kingdom) his Majesties person, his Queen, and royall issue may bee restored to a condition of safety, honour, and freedome in this Nation, without dimunition to their personall rights, or further limitation, to the exercise of the Regall power, then according to the particulars aforegoing.

5. That there may be a generall Act of Oblivion to extend unto all, &c.

All which Proposals, together with many others, were debated and agreed upon, by the Generall, and the Councell of his Army, and presented to the Kings most gracious Majesty; who after some perusall of the same, his Majesty declared a great affection towards them, and immediatly declared himself to both Houses of Parliament, as followeth:

His Majesties gracious Message (or Declaration) to His two Houses of Parliament assembled at Westminster.

CHARLES REX.

HIs Majesty cannot choose but bee passionately sensible (as hee believes all his good Subjects are) of the late great distractions, and still languishing and unsetled State of this Kingdome; And Hee calls God to witnesse, and is willing to give testimony

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to all the world of his readineſſe to contribute his utmoſt endeavours for reſtoring it to a happy & flouriſhing condition.

His Majeſty having peruſed the Propoſitions now brought to him, finds them the ſame in effect which were offered to him at Newcaſtle. To ſome of which, he could not then conſent without violation of his conſcience and honour; ſo can hee neither agree to others now, conceiving them in many reſpects more diſproportionable to the preſent condition of affaires then when they were formerly preſented to him, as being deſtructive to the many principall intereſts of the Army, and of all thoſe whoſe affections concurre with them.

And his Majeſty having ſeene the Propoſals of the Army to the Commiſſioners of his two Houſes reſiding with them, and with them to be treated on, in order to the clearing and ſecuring the rights and Liberties of the Kingdome, as the ſetling of a juſt and laſting Peace.

To which Propoſals, as he conceives his two Houſes not to be ſtrangers, ſo he believes they will thinke with him, that they much more conduce to the ſatisfaction of all intereſts, and may bee a fitter foundation for a laſting peace, then the Propoſitions which at this time are tendred to him.

I. He therefore propounds (as the beſt way in His judgment in order to Peace) that his two Houſes would inſtantly take into conſideration thoſe Propoſals upon which there may be a perſonall treaty with his Majeſty, and upon ſuch other Propoſalls as his Majeſty ſhall make, hoping that the ſaid Propoſals may be ſo moderated in the ſaid treaty, as to render

der them the more capable of his Majesties full concessions, wherein hee resolves to give full satisfaction to his People for whatsoever shall concerne the setling of the Protestant Profession, with liberty to tender Consciences, and the securing of the Lawes, Liberties, and properties of all his Subjects, and the just priviledges of Parliament for the future.

II. And likewise by his present deportment in this treaty, hee will make the world clearly judge of his intentions in matter of future Government; In which treaty his Maj. will be pleased (if it be thought fit) that Commissioners from the Army (whose the Proposals are) may likewise be admitted.

III. His Majesty therefore conjures his two Houses of Parliament, by the duty they owe to God, and his Majesty their King, and by the bowels of compassion they have to their fellow subjects, both for reliefe of their present sufferings, and to prevent future miseries, that they will forthwith accept of his Majesties offer, whereby the joyfull newes of peace maybee restored to this distressed Kingdome. And for what concernes the Kingdom of *Scotland* mentioned in the Propositions, his Majesty will very willingly treate upon those particulars with the Scotch Commissioners; and doubts not but to give reasonable satisfaction to that his Kingdome.

For the Right Honourable, the Earl of Manchester, Speaker of the House of Peeres, pro tempore, *to be communicated to both Houses of the Parliament of* England, *and the Commissioners of the Kingdome of* Scotland,

SIR,

IT is hoped that this Answer will give very much satisfaction to the Kingdome, and therefore I desire you to use your utmost endeavours for the publishing thereof, that so the world may take notice of the
II. great forwardnesse and readinesse of his Majesty to contribute his utmost endeavours for restoring of this poor languishing kingdome to a happy and flourishing condition,
III. and also the reall and candid intentions of the Army, towards his Majesty, the Queen, and Royal Issue. Thus, for the present, I must restrain my pen, but shall for ever hereafter set my hand to the Paper, to expresse how much *I am*

Your faithfull friend and servant,

Jo: Hall.

From Hampton-Court, *this* 15. *of* *September*, 1647.

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